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## PROVISIONAL GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE CHAMPLIN PEAK QUADRANGLE, JUAB AND MILLARD COUNTIES, UTAH

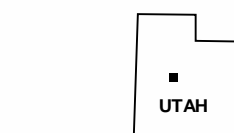
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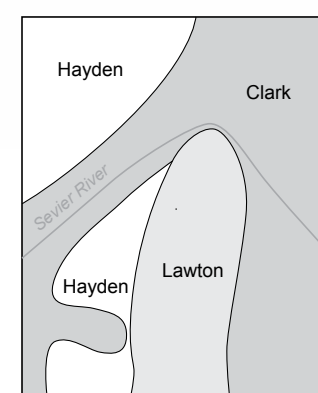
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ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES



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geologic mapping in this quadrangle



## INTRODUCTION

This geologic map combines and updates prior mapping in the geologically complex and diverse **Champlin Peak quadrangle**. The map and associated materials combine the 1:24,000-scale mapping and report by Hayden (Higgins, 1982), which focused on the Proterozoic and Paleozoic bedrock, and the studies of synorogenic conglomerates of the Canyon Mountains by Lawton and others (1997) including unpublished 1:24,000-scale mapping by Lawton. This map extends the mapping of Clark (2003) from the east in Sage Valley, and incorporates some interpretations of structural geology by Kwon (2004) and Kwon and Mitter (2007) in Leamington Canyon and the Gilsen Mountains. Author Clark updated the mapping of surficial deposits, Tertiary rocks, and some older bedrock units, and compiled the mapping data (see Index Map of Mapping Sources). Lawton and Clark prepared the cross section. The map also includes new stratigraphic terminology for the Canyon Range Conglomerate developed by Lawton and others (2007).

This mapping supersedes that of Higgins (1982) relative to surficial deposits and Tertiary rocks, and locally some Proterozoic and Paleozoic bedrock, supersedes that of Lawton and others (1997), and Hintze and Davis (2002) have not been fully resolved here. Although greater overall geologic detail is presented by the aforementioned references, and map unit descriptions herein supersede them, as well as those in the Delta 30' or 60' quadrangle (Hintze and Davis, 2002) and the Millard County Bulletin (Hintze and Davis, 2003). Differences between Higgins's measured section (1982, appendix B) and Lawton's Canyon Range Conglomerate mapping are indicated in table 1. The part of Higgins' (1982) map north of the Leamington Canyon fault was adopted from Costain (1960) and Wang (1970). Clark interpreted some of the eastern exposures of this area, but did not revisit western exposures there.

Further, the mapping discrepancies in the quadrangle between Higgins (1982), Lawton and others (1997), and Hintze and Davis (2002) have not been fully resolved here. Although greater overall geologic detail is presented by the aforementioned references, and map unit descriptions herein supersede them, as well as those in the Delta 30' or 60' quadrangle (Hintze and Davis, 2002) and the Millard County Bulletin (Hintze and Davis, 2003). Differences between Higgins's measured section (1982, appendix B) and Lawton's Canyon Range Conglomerate mapping are indicated in table 1. The part of Higgins' (1982) map north of the Leamington Canyon fault was adopted from Costain (1960) and Wang (1970). Clark interpreted some of the eastern exposures of this area, but did not revisit western exposures there.

Finally, an important aspect of the quadrangle is the location of the Ash Grove Cement Company - Leamington plant (located at the Uisoax rail siding). The cement plant was sited so that it is near a main railroad line and for ready access to feedstocks of lime, shale, and silica located within or near the quadrangle. (Abhay (1990), Costain (2003), and Tripp (Utah Geological Survey, verbal communication, December 4, 1992, 2005) reported on economic commodities in the Champlin Peak quadrangle.

## MAP UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

Descriptions for Quaternary-Tertiary, Tertiary, and Tertiary-Cretaceous map units are by author Clark. Descriptions for Cretaceous map units are from Lawton. Descriptions of older map units of the para-autochthon, Tintic Valley thrust plate, and Canyon Range thrust plate were modified from Higgins (1982) by author Clark.

## QUATERNARY

**Aluvial deposits**  
**Qal** **River and stream alluvium** (Holocene) – Moderately to well sorted sand, silt, and clay with local coarse lags of pebbles to boulder gravel along the Sever River and other active streams including the Gilsen Wash area and Pass Canyon; includes minor terraces up to 10 feet (3 m) above current drainage levels; total thickness unknown, up to 10 feet (3 m) exposed.

**Qat** **Stream-terrace deposits** (Holocene) – Fine- to coarse-grained deposits that form a level to gently-sloping terrace surface incised by the Sever River near the western border of the quadrangle; terrace is from 10 to 20 feet (3–6 m) above current river channel; thickness 0 to 20 feet (0–6 m).

**Qa** **Young alluvial deposits** (Holocene to upper Pleistocene?) – Fine- to coarse-grained, poorly-sorted alluvium in Dog Valley Wash below the Bonneville shoreline; includes overlapping stream and alluvial-fan deposits and some small colluvial deposits; flat bottom profile; some alluvium is present in the upper reaches of alluvium-colluvium; thickness variable and probably less than 100 feet (<30 m) in most places.

**Qaf<sub>1</sub>** **Young alluvial-fan deposits** (Holocene) – Poorly sorted sand and gravel with silt and clay in active alluvial fans adjacent to steeply uplands; composed of locally-derived rock types; forms broad surfaces in Leamington and Sever Canyons that are incised by the Sever River; thickness probably less than 100 feet (<30 m).

**Qaf<sub>2</sub>** **Older alluvial-fan deposits** (middle and lower Holocene) – Similar in composition to young alluvial-fan deposits; mapped only along the Sever River near the eastern quadrangle border; locally incised by stream and river alluvium; exposed thickness probably less than 100 feet (<30 m), total thickness unknown.

**Qaf<sub>3</sub>** **Older alluvial-fan deposits, undifferentiated** (Holocene to lower Pleistocene?) – Poorly sorted sand and gravel with silt and clay; consists of a mix of coarsened older sands and younger fans than cannot be readily mapped separately; present in or near the Leamington and Sever Canyons; Wood and Pass Canyons and may include some pre-Lake Bonneville alluvial deposits; grades to alluvium-colluvium and mixed lacustrine-alluvial deposits; locally incised by Holocene dunes; exposed thickness probably less than 200 feet (<60 m), total thickness unknown.

## Deltatic and Lacustrine deposits

These deposits likely represent the transgressive phase of Lake Bonneville, near its highest level prior to the Bonneville Flood (Oviatt, 1992; Oviatt and others, 1992).

**Qdf** **Deltatic (estuarine) fines** (upper Pleistocene) – Fine sand, silt, and clay that is thinly to very finely bedded with a local layered appearance, and some upward-tipping sequence; deposited in the Sever River estuary of Lake Bonneville about 15,000 years ago (Oviatt, 1992); locally overlain by Cretaceous deposits; exposed thickness approximately 5100 feet (1555 m), locally covered by an expansive soil with a significant shrink-swell potential—cement plant structures built on this unit have settled (Jeffrey Tupper, Ash Grove Cement Company, verbal communication, 2004), up to about 250 feet (75 m) exposed, total thickness uncertain.

**Qdg** **Deltatic gravels** (upper Pleistocene) – Well sorted and rounded, sandy, pebble-size gravel deposits near the mouth of Leamington Canyon; deposited in a delta of the Sever River; gravel is locally covered by Cretaceous deposits; gravel was largely removed through excavation; up to about 30 feet (10 m) removed, total thickness uncertain.

**Qlg** **Lacustrine gravels** (upper Pleistocene) – Well sorted and rounded, sandy, pebble-size gravel deposited in Sever Canyon on east margin of map, developed at the Bonneville shoreline; less than 20 feet (<6 m) exposed, total thickness uncertain.

**Ql** **Lacustrine deposits, undifferentiated** (upper Pleistocene) – Fine-grained sediment to gravel deposited below the Bonneville-level shoreline in lacustrine or estuarine environments; derived from local rocks and deposits that form a mantle obliquely bedded; mapped in northern Sever Canyon; some unmappped older deposits occur on bedrock below the Bonneville shoreline in Leamington and Sever Canyons; thickness likely less than 25 feet (<8 m).

**Qc** **Colluvial deposits**  
**Qc** **Colluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Slopewash deposits of clay- to boulder-size, locally derived sediments; poorly to moderately sorted and angular; deposited on and at the base of upland slopes; locally may include small and large boulders of alluvial deposits; grades to alluvium-colluvium and alluvial-colluvial deposits and locally upslope to mixed talus and colluvial deposits; generally less than 20 feet (<6 m) thick.

**Mixed-Erosion deposits**  
**Qac** **Alluvial and colluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Combined alluvial and slopewash deposits of poorly to moderately sorted, generally poorly sorted, clay- to boulder-size, locally derived sediments; present along drainages in uplands, locally within larger canyons, and incised into Q<sub>af</sub> strata; grades to alluvial-fan deposits; locally incised by Holocene dunes; generally less than 20 feet (<6 m) thick.

**Qla** **Lacustrine and alluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Clay- to boulder-size deposits that consist of pre-Lake Bonneville alluvial fans partially reworked in the Sever River estuary, and Lake Bonneville deposits partially reworked and covered by post-Bonneville alluvial fans; locally grades to alluvium-colluvium; mapped below the Bonneville shoreline in Leamington Canyon and west of the Canyon Mountains; thickness less than 100 feet (<30 m).

**Qmtc** **Talus and colluvial deposits** (Holocene to Pleistocene?) – Poorly sorted, angular to subangular cobbles and boulders and finer grained interstitial sediment deposited by rock falls and slopewash on and at the base of steep slopes; generally grades down slope from talus to colluvial deposits; a few areas mapped near Wood and Tank Canyons; generally less than 25 feet (<8 m) thick.

**Mass-Movement deposits**  
**Qms** **Landslide deposits** (Holocene?) or upper Pleistocene?) – Rotational and complex slumps and slides; variable grain size and texture; developed on steeper slopes in the Great Blue Formation; present in and near Gilsen Wash and along the Tintic Valley thrust fault; queried where near uncertainty; thickness variable.

**Human-Derived deposits**  
Disturbed land associated with the Ash Grove Cement Company's Hank Allen quarry area (sections 32 and 33, T. 14 S., R. 3 W., and section 4, T. 15 S., R. 3 W.) and Nielson quarry (part 1, section 11, T. 14 S., R. 3 W.) has been mapped in detail.

**Qf** **Fill** (Historical) – Local earth materials used to construct dams for stock ponds and berms to divert drainages; thickness 0 to 20 feet (6 m).

**Stacked-unit deposits**  
**Qa/Qdf** **Aluvial deposits over deltaic (estuarine) fines** (Holocene/upper Pleistocene) – Veneer of fine-grained alluvial deposits overlying Lake Bonneville deltaic fines; several areas mapped in the Leamington Canyon; surficial deposit thickness probably less than 10 feet (<3 m).

**Ql/Cpm** **Lacustrine deposits over Prospect Mountain Quartzite** (upper Pleistocene/lower Pleistocene) – Lacustrine deposits overlying lacustrine or estuarine deposits overlying bedrock unit of Prospect Mountain Quartzite; only mapped near Soma ridge; surficial deposit thickness probably less than 10 feet (<3 m).

## QUATERNARY-TERTIARY

**Q<sub>Taf</sub>** **Oldest alluvial-fan deposits** (lower Pleistocene? to Pliocene?) – Fine- to coarse-grained, poorly sorted, dissected alluvial-fan deposits derived from the Canyon Mountains; Kelpy overlies the alluvium; locally grades to alluvium-colluvium; mapped below the Bonneville shoreline in Leamington Canyon and west of the Canyon Mountains; thickness less than 100 feet (<30 m).

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**Unconformity**  
**Volcanic rocks of Sage Valley** (lower Oligocene? to middle?) Eocene) – Divided into several informal and formal (formational rank) map units in the Sage Valley (lower Oligocene? to middle?) Eocene; volcanic conglomerate unit 13 of Clark (2003) mapped separately in the Champlin Peak quadrangle; all exposures are along the east margin of the map area.

**Tvu** **Volcanic conglomerate unit undifferentiated** – Volcanic conglomerate belonging to units A, B, and/or C, but where the position within the volcanic rocks of Sage Valley cannot be determined; forms rubble-covered slopes; crops out in one area near east border and south of Sever River; about 50 feet (15 m) exposed, total thickness unknown.

**Tvc** **Volcanic conglomerate unit C** (lower Oligocene? to upper Eocene) – Poorly consolidated, brownish-gray, to moderate-brown-weathering volcanic conglomerate and breccia, with interbedded, angular pebbles and clasts of volcanic clasts and minor carbonate and quartzite clasts; similar to unit A (see below); rubbly slope-forming exposures; likely distal alluvial deposits and lahars shed southward from the Tintic Mountains volcanic area; less than 20 feet (<6 m) exposed; mapped in the Leamington Canyon; total thickness of 400 feet (120 m) in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

**Tvt** **Fernow Quartz Lattice** (upper Eocene) – Light- to medium-gray, porphyritic, moderately to densely welded, rhyolitic ash-flow tuff in a simple cooling unit; crystal rich (about 50%) with phenocrysts of quartz, plagioclase, sanidine, biotite, and hornblende in a glassy cement black to gray glassy flame forming a extactic texture, with lapilli and up to block-sized light fragments; typically crops out as rounded cliffs and large boulders, but the lone exposure in this quadrangle is poor, "Air/Ar" age of 34.83 ± 0.15 Ma in Sage Valley quadrangle (LUGS & NMGR1, 2007); source likely caldera in Furner Ridge and Tintic Mountain quadrangles to the north (J.D. Keith, Brigham Young University, verbal communication, 2004), less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed in the Champlin Peak quadrangle; regional thickness up to 1500 feet (460 m) (Morris, 1977; Clark, 2003).

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**Tvt** **Tuff of Little Sage Valley** (middle Eocene) – Grayish-pink to light-gray, poorly to moderately welded, dacitic ash-flow tuff, phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, sanidine, and quartzite; "Air/Ar" age of 37.43 ± 0.18 Ma in Sage Valley quadrangle (LUGS & NMGR1, 2007); source likely caldera in Furner Ridge and Tintic Mountain quadrangles to the north (J.D. Keith, Brigham Young University, verbal communication, 2004), less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed in the Champlin Peak quadrangle; regional thickness up to 1500 feet (460 m) (Morris, 1977; Clark, 2003).

**Tva** **Volcanic conglomerate unit A** (middle Eocene) – Bouldery exposures of brownish-gray to brownish-brown-weathering volcanic conglomerate with interlayered lava flows (Tva<sub>1</sub>); conglomerate contains dark-gray to dark-pink, angular to subrounded volcanic clasts and clasts of carbonate and quartzite; matrix of tuffaceous sandstone and ash; contains intermediate-composition lava flow boulders; forms rubbly slopes; exposed on east map border and northwest of Dog Valley Wash; less than 50 feet (15 m) exposed; up from 175 to 1000 feet (55–300 m) thick in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

**Tva<sub>1</sub>** **Lava flow member** (middle Eocene) – Mapped separately where thicker and better exposed; lava flows are generally angular, of intermediate composition, and mostly fractured; flows range from pink-gray to bluish-gray to dark-gray and weather to various shades of brown and gray; forms broken exposures of angular pebbles to boulders; geochemical analysis of sample CP-4 in table 2; possible source present in Jericho or Furner Ridge quadrangles (Clark, 2003); exposed thickness of flows less than 20 feet (<6 m), from 0 to 200 feet (0–60 m) thick in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003).

**Tgs** **Sage Valley Limestone Member of the Golden's Ranch Formation** (middle Eocene) – Upper member of the Golden's Ranch Formation of Melbos (1983), an original member of Maessig's (1953) Golden's Ranch Formation, and included as a member of the Canyon Range Conglomerate by Lawton and others (1997); light-gray, thinly to thickly bedded, lacustrine limestone, locally includes conglomerate lenses; ledge-forming valley limestone containing plant remains and chert; both indirectly (where Huggins Canyon Conglomerate Member present) and directly overlies the Canyon Range Conglomerate; mapped in the Leamington Canyon (38.61 ± 0.13 Ma) in Sage Valley quadrangle (Clark, 2003); an outcrop near Utah State Route 132 was removed for use by the Intermountain Power Plant in flag gas desulfurization (B. L. 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Table 2. Major- and trace-element whole-rock analyses.

Notes:  
Oxides reported in weight percent by x-ray fluorescence (XRF); minor and trace elements reported in parts per million (ppm) by inductively-coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICPMS)  
Analyses performed by ALS Chemex, Inc., Sparks, NV; report dated January 6, 2005.  
Latitude and longitude based on NAD27

Sample CP-1 is from the Jericho quadrangle, while CP-3 and CP-4 are from the Champlin Peak quadrangle. Rock name using TAS diagram of LeBas and others (1986). LOI is Loss on Ignition.

Table 3. Major-element whole-rock analyses for Prospect Mountain Quartzite from Soma area quarry.

Notes:  
Oxide and element data reported in mass percent by x-ray fluorescence (XRF).  
ND = not detected.  
Analyses performed December 12, 2002, by the Utah Geological Survey.  
Samples collected by B.T. Tripp, UGS, on September 18, 2001.  
UTM Zone 12, datum NAD27

Table 1. Comparison of Canyon Range Conglomerate map units to Higgins (1982) measured section

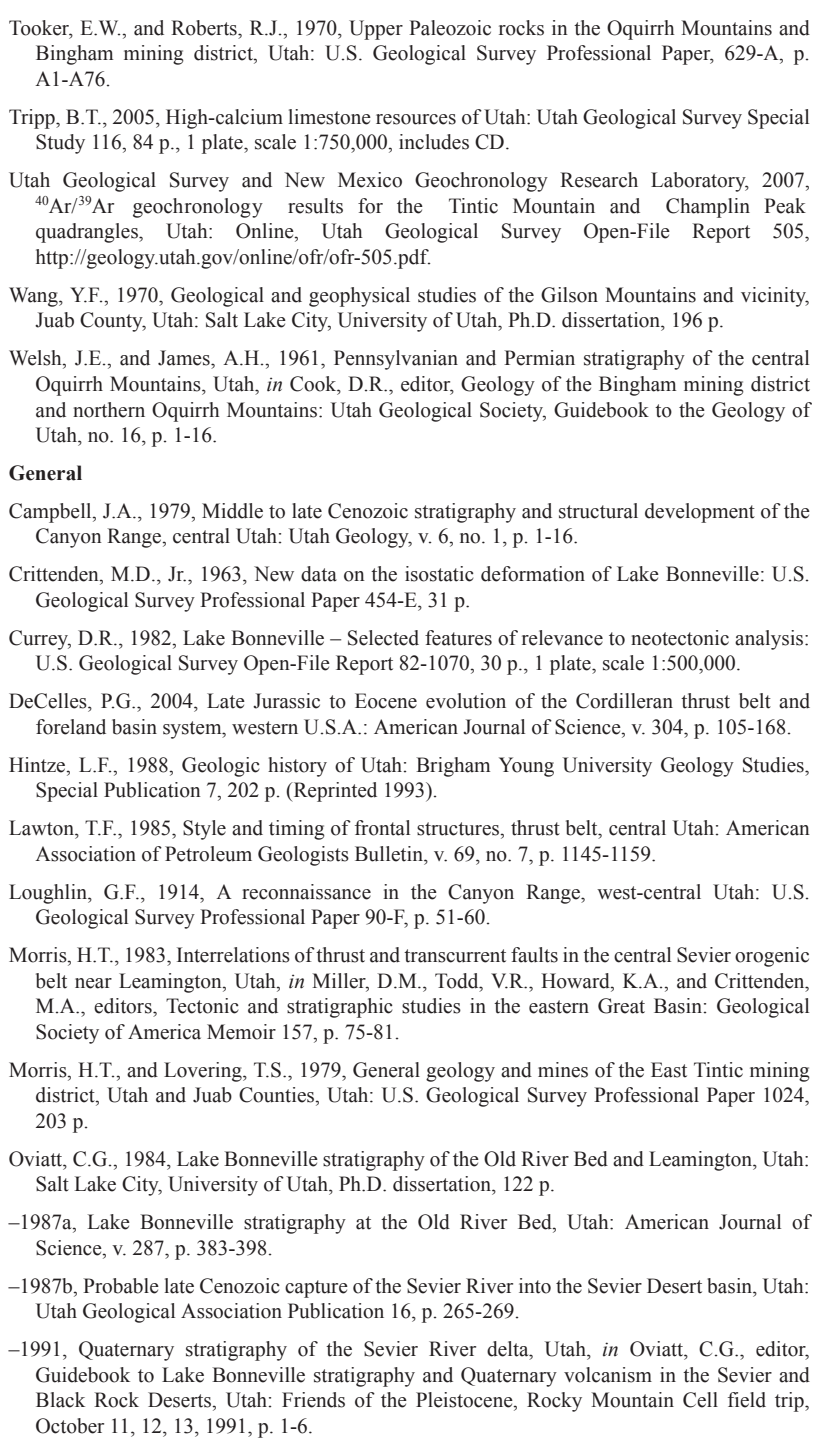
		<i>Higgins (1982)</i>		<i>Map and Cross Section A-A'</i>		
<i>Map unit</i>	<i>Higgins section units</i>	<i>feet</i>	<i>meters</i>	<i>feet</i>	<i>meters</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Kcwm <sub>1</sub>	not measured					Lawton notes provenance in Gilson Mountains North Horn Fm. of Hintze and Davis (2002)
Kcp <sub>9</sub>	71-61	1725	526	<1750	<540	
Kclm <sub>5</sub>	missing			900-3500	280-1100	
Kclq <sub>7</sub>	60-59	154	47	0-350	0-110	
Kclm <sub>5</sub> lower part	missing					Kchq <sub>7</sub> ? Higgins missed carbonate clasts?
Kclq <sub>8</sub>	58	200	61	100-400	30-120	Kclm <sub>7</sub> ? Higgins missed carbonate clasts?
Kclm <sub>5</sub> ? & Kclm <sub>4</sub>	57-43	492	150	450-1000	140-300	57-56, Kclm <sub>5</sub> , map thickness too large relative to measured thickness unless units 59-58 actually contain limestone clasts and are part of Kclm <sub>5</sub> 55-54, Kclq <sub>7</sub>
						53-51, Kclm <sub>5</sub> lower tongue
						50, Kclq <sub>8</sub> , exaggerated thickness on map
						49-45, Kclm <sub>4</sub> , rugose coral (Mississippian) in 45 indicates uplift of Gilson Mountains
Kchq <sub>5</sub>	missing					44, Kchq <sub>5</sub> tongue
						43, Kclm <sub>4</sub> or Kchm <sub>3</sub>
Kchq <sub>5</sub> & block	42	26	8	300-600	90-180	exaggerated thickness on map
Kchm <sub>3</sub>	41-40	410	125	100-500	30-150	measured thickness too large relative to map thickness
Kccq <sub>4</sub> & block	39	49	15	150-500	45-150	exaggerated thickness on map
Kccm <sub>2</sub>	38	394	120	600-800	180-240	
		<b>3450</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>variable</b>		<b>total measured</b>

*Index to previous geologic mapping in the Champlain  
Peak quadrangle and adjacent areas.*

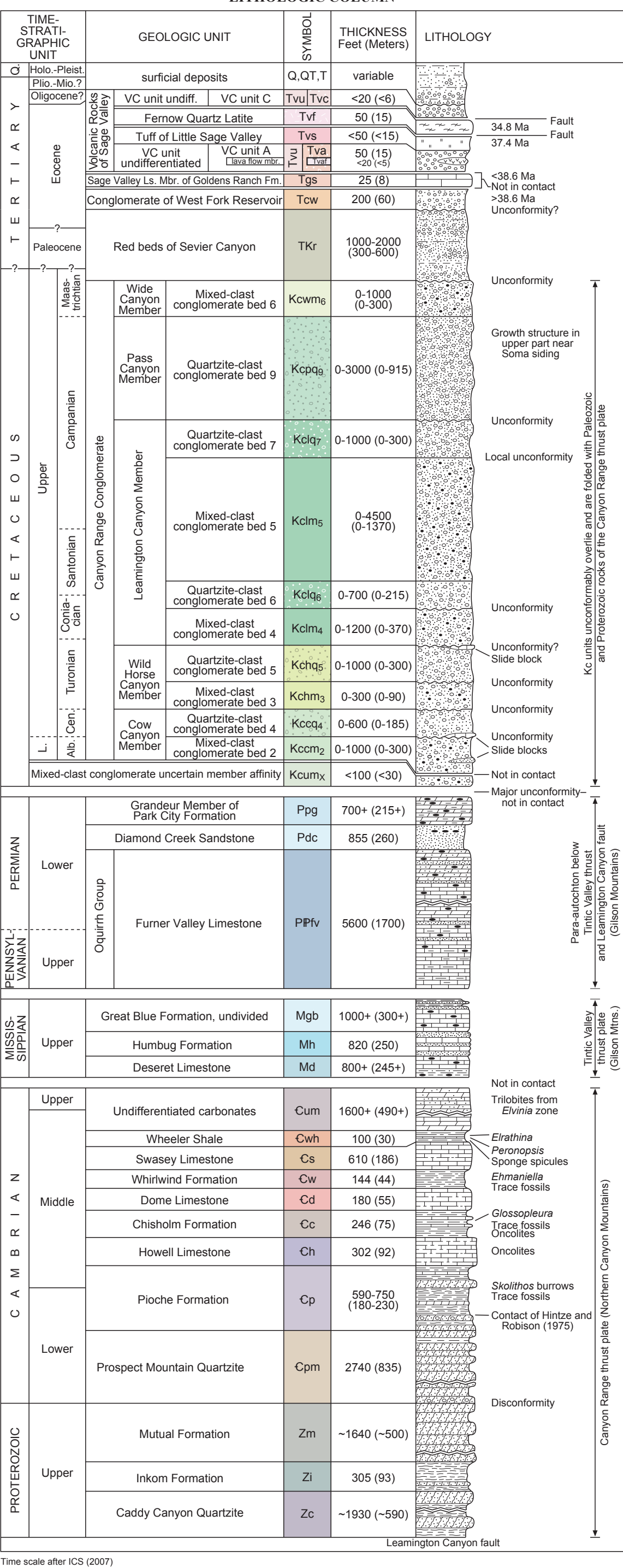


terial view eastward of the north end of the Canyon Mountains. Cement plant and State Route 132 at left center of photo. Steeply dipping section of Proterozoic and Cambrian strata are overlain by the Cretaceous Canyon Range Conglomerate. Rock unit labels are near Higgins' line of measured section. Lighter-colored deposits are deltaic fines Wadwo Canyon is in the right part of the photo. Photo by Janice Higgins.

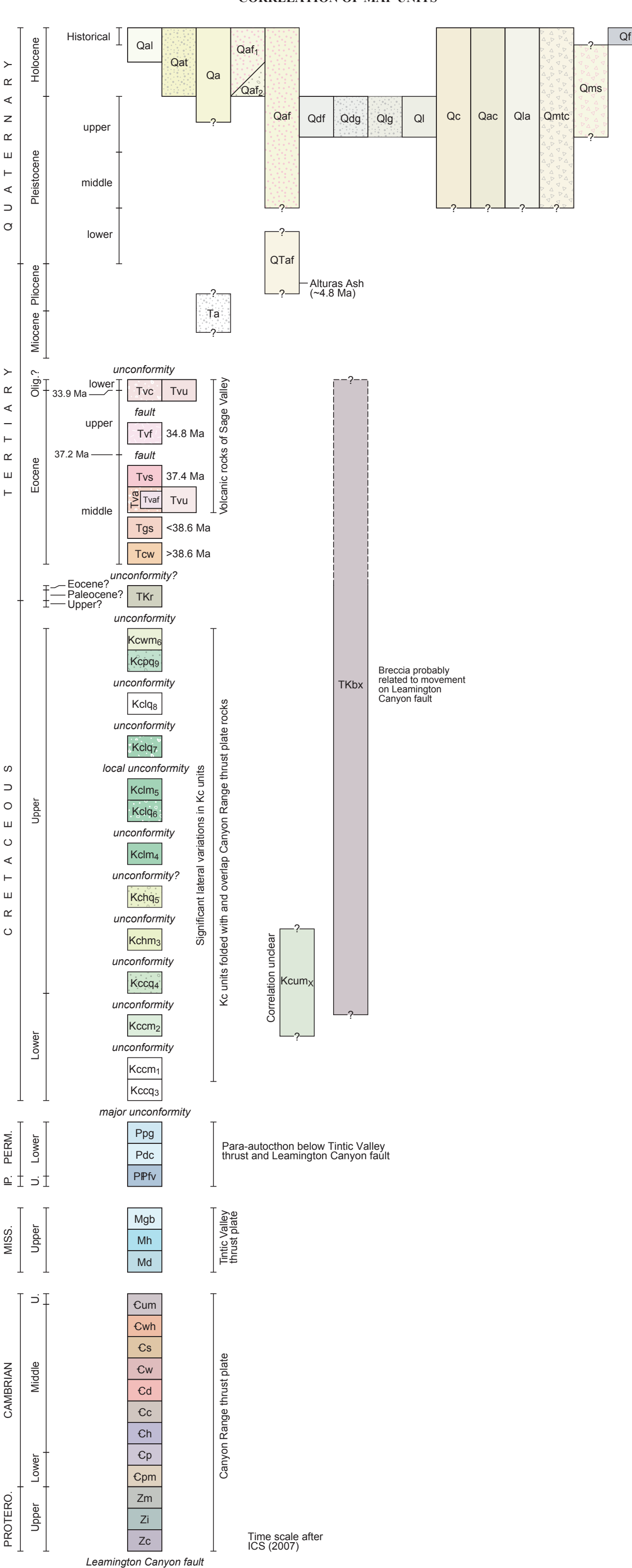
View southwestward of the progressive unconformity (growth strata) in the Canyon Range Conglomerate along the Sevier River at the Soma rail siding. Conglomerate beds in center of photo dip steeply to viewer; while beds on the left decrease in dip upsection. Photo by Don Clark.



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### CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

Time scale after  
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